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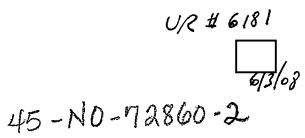
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FBI URGENT REPORT

Precedence: IMMEDIATE Date: 05/29/2008 To: Director SIOC From: New Orleans SSA Contact: A/SAC Approved By: Drafted By: MV MORNING CLOUD Subject/Title/Case ID #: CRIMES ON THE HIGH SEAS 45-NO-72860 Purpose/Synopsis: MATTER GENERATING SIGNIFICANT MEDIA ATTENTION INITIAL URGENT REPORT The MV Morning Cloud is a 753 ft. British owned Liberian flagged vessel. The crew reported that the Romanian was missing and believed to have fallen overboard on May 23, approximately 50 nautical miles outside of the Bahamas. The ship, loaded with iron, departed from the Ukraine and arrived in New Orleans on May 28. The Coast Guard boarded the vessel on the 28th and found blood in the Captain's cabin and a message written on the wall (believed to be in Romanian) in shaving cream. The Coast Guard reported that the crew, "was not particularly helpful" in identifying the area where the Captain was lost. The Coast Guard performed a search and rescue for five hours with negative results. The Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana discussed the aforementioned facts with DOJ <u>attorne</u>y's Virginia as well as Coast Guard legal representatives. conclusion was that the FBI has jurisdiction to investigate, under Title 18, Section 2280. DOJ and Coast Guard has also been in contact with Romanian and Liberian representatives.

On Friday, May 30, at approximately 11:00 am, New Orleans FBI, along with the Coast Guard Investigative Service and a Liberian representative and possibly a Romanian representative, will board the vessel and conduct an investigation.



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At around noon on May 23, 2008, he learned that the Captain was missing. The 3rd Officer made an announcement over the ship's intercom. The 3rd Officer said, "Collect in the TV room, open all your cabins, Captain is missing."

The crew was then divided into teams to search for the Captain. went to the galley, checked the refrigerators and the provisions room, checked the gymnasium, went to the officer's mess, and then checked cabins. After the crew finished searching the ship, they collected in the TV room. The Chief Officer said that this was a strange situation and instructed them to check everything again. The crew could not find the Captain.

After the crew searched the ship the first time, the ship turned on a reciprocal course to look for the Captain at sea. By 9:00 or 9:30 p.m., the ship turned around and was back on its original course.

After he learned the Captain was missing, he did not enter the Captain's cabin at anytime.

He met the Captain for the first time in April 2008 and described the Captain as being a good man who was liked by the crew. The Captain was more quiet and did not yell or swear. The Captain was easy to talk to and someone who was receptive to questions. He thinks this was his first time as a Captain.

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He found nothing unusual in the cabin other than the bed was not perfectly made. He did not notice any white foam writing in the Captain's cabin at the time. He later was informed of the white foam writing in the Captain's cabin and said he was not sure what it means. He was told by the 3rd Officer it is something you would say at New Years time. He thinks the 3rd Officer has seen this

writing before in the Captain's cabin.

He secured the Captain's cabin by locking the door. He asked if anyone had a key to the Captain's cabin and the 3rd Officer found that the Steward had a key. He explained that the Steward had a key to the Captain's cabin because he needed access to clean the room. He identified the Steward as and also

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said the Captain seemed healthy, a medium or skinny build. He said the Captain was not a heavy build. He thinks he was in his late 40s.

He said the crew mainly liked the Captain. The Captain did not press the men very hard and he was not a hated man. He said everyone on the crew was very surprised at the disappearance of the Captain.

He explained that the Captain would sleep with the door to his cabin closed, but not locked while sleeping. In open sea, when the Captain was walking around the ship, the door would be generally closed. He knows of the safe in the Captain's cabin but said only the Captain had access to the safe. He was not sure if there is a key, but knows there is a combination lock on the safe.

The Captain needed glasses to read, but he did not always wear glasses or have his glasses with him. When entered the Captain's cabin to look for him, he saw the Captain's glasses in the cabin.

He also said the Captain does not walk around the ship to get fresh air. He does go to the bridge and bridge wings to smoke, but only walks around the ship to do inspections and for work related reasons. He said it is possible that the Captain could have fallen off the ship, but not too likely for someone with the Captain's experience at sea to fall overboard. He also said the weather on the night of May 22 into the day of May 23 was good. He explained that the ocean was not like glass, but that it was not rocky weather either.

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The Captain was slim and in good health. He never asked for special meals and ate whatever was prepared. He did not look as though he was under stress. Fifteen days before the Captain went missing, he talked with about what galley supplies the ship needed. The Captain seemed happy to be going home soon because his contract was soon complete and he would be leaving the ship.
The Captain never ate breakfast. He always had lunch, sometimes on time, sometimes late. He always ate dinner late. He typically ate alone. Eating alone is not unusual on a ship for officers because they have different duty times.
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worked hard most of Chief Officer told	the day before, he needed to sleep in. The that the Captain was probably resting.	

had returned to the bridge at 11:50 a.m. for his afternoon watch duty. The Third Mate told him that the Captain did not answer when called for his noontime report to the shipping company. In addition to the midnight report, this voyage required a second report to be prepared and sent at noon each day. The Third Mate did not get an answer when he knocked on the Captain's cabin. The Third Mate checked other cabins and then checked with the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer had not seen the Captain. The Chief Officer was then called to the bridge. When the Chief Officer arrived at the bridge, an announcement was made over the public announcement system to muster the crew in the crew salon. When the crew mustered, they were told the Captain was missing and the search began.

At approximately 12:15, the beginning of the first search, the Chief Officer gave the command to turn the ship around in the opposite course. Lookouts were posted on the deck to search for a man overboard. The man overboard alert was made at approximately 12:40. A man overboard can not be made until it is reasonably sure the person is no longer on the ship. A 2182 International Search and Rescue Frequency alert was sent out to other ships. After the first search was completed, a more thorough second search was made. The lookouts remained on the wings during the entire time.

The ship turned back around in the direction of New Orleans at approximately 8:50 p.m. It had become too dark for the lookouts to see the water from the ship and search helicopters with search lights were now in the area.

The Captain was always writing on paper or on a computer. He used a notebook, the same kind as supplied from the ship's stationary. "He was always writing, I sent this..., I sent this..., remind me for tomorrow..." The Captain was well organized and professional.

The Captain was a very approachable person. He was polite with everyone and used a level voice that was clear and calm. never shouted at _____ He would not get upset with crew members that would want out of their contracts early. After the ship left Gibralter, ten sailors wanted out of their contract. One was turned down by the shipping company at first. The Captain helped the sailor get a review of his request and it was eventually granted.

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The Captain was never dr	runk. He was never seen to drink
alcohol on the ship and not known	to drink off the ship.

The only person that may have been upset with the Captain was the previous cook. He left the ship a month and a half ago. The Captain had spoke to him regarding the poor quality of the meals and how the galley was not clean. The cook was replaced.

When asked, speculated that the Captain may have suffered an attack of poor health while out on deck and fallen overboard. Suicide was possible, but unlikely because the Captain never complained. He had a son of similar age as the ship. He treated the ship like it was another one of his children. In addition, his contract was soon to be completed and he would be leaving the ship soon.

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He advised that the Chief Officer told him and all of the members of the crew to speak only the truth to the police.

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him and the entire crew to tell the truth when the spoke to the police about the disappearance of the Captain.

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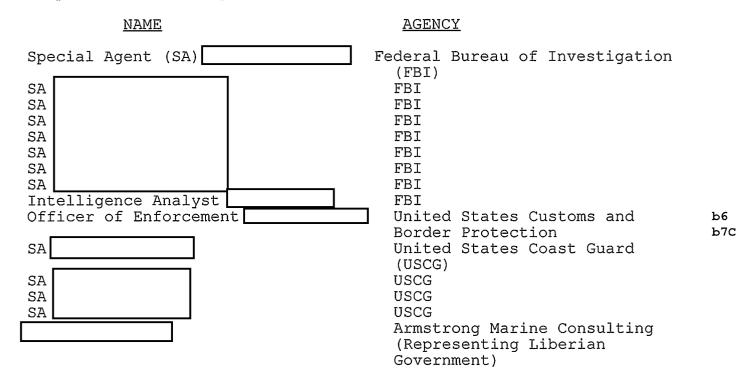
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address of ZODIAK MARITIME AGENCIES LTD., 13th Floor, Sea Containers House, 20 Upper Ground, London SE1 9PD, United Kingdom, cellular telephone number of +308967255286, was interviewed aboard the MORNING CLOUD which was anchored in the Mississippi River near LaPlace, Louisiana. Also present during the interview was SA of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, that being the disappearance of provided the following information:
is new to the maritime industry. This cruise aboard the MORNING CLOUD is his first time working aboard a ship. He does not speak or understand the English language very well.
The last time saw the Captain was two weeks before the Captain disappeared. He saw the Captain to get a telephone card.
works in the engine room from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. He does not see the Captain very often because the Captain rarely comes to the engine room. Approximately three weeks before the Captain's disappearance, he saw the Captain in the engine room because there was a problem with the ship's main engine.
He does not know what happened to the Captain. He did not see the Captain on May 22, 2008. After he completed working in the engine room at 5:00 p.m. on May 22nd, he watched films and played games in the television room like he normally does. On May 23, 2008, he woke up around 7:00 a.m. He reported for work in the engine room around 8:00 a.m. At lunch time, there was an intercom announcement that he did not understand. The 3rd mate translated for and said that the Captain was missing.
He described the Captain as being a good man. He said since the time he has known the Captain, the Captain has been skinny. He does not know if the Captain was ever a heavy person.
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At approximately 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008, the following individuals boarded the M/V Morning Cloud while it was anchored in the Mississippi River near LaPlace, Louisiana to conduct an investigation into the disappearance of the Master (Captain) of the ship while it was at sea:



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was interviewed aboard the MORNING CLOUD. Also present during the interview was Special Agent of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:
He has worked in the maritime industry for 25 years. He is the current Captain of the MORNING CLOUD, joining the ship on May 27, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He signed a six month contract to work on the MORNING CLOUD. He was not aboard the MORNING CLOUD when disappeared.
reports that the typical Captain's day begins at 6 a.m7a.m. Usually the Captain will go to the bridge at 7 a.m. and meet with the duty watch person to make sure everything is alright. After that, the captain will eat breakfast in the galley. This happens typically between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. At around 9 a.m., the captain commonly meets with his Chief Mate and Chief Engineer on the bridge. The rest of the morning, the Captain completes paperwork and writes reports until approximately 12:30 p.m. At that time, he eats lunch in the galley. After lunch, commonly Captain's will check in with the bridge duty officer to, again, make sure everything is alright. After which, he retires to his cabin to sleep for a few hours. At around 3 p.m., the Captain has "coffee time". The remainder of the day, the Captain typically responds to message traffic. Messages are reviewed and sent on the bridge, and specifically on the MORNING CLOUD, there is no network computer access in the Captain's cabin, so he must be on the bridge to address messages.
Generally a Captain will not be directly involved with the crew. He mainly deals with the Chief Mate and Chief Engineer. The exception to this is the Captain's contact with the Steward and the Cook. Every day the Steward cleans the Captain's cabin and does the Captain's laundry. Typically the Steward does not have a key to the Captain's cabin, but the door is usually open. If the
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door is closed, it usually be disturbed.	means that the Captain does not want to
the Captain's cabin unless that he would like to talk occurs in the evening. If issue, the Captain will to MARITIME AGENCIES, LONDON. records of every time the if a crew member feels tha response from the Captain,	teward, the crew usually does not enter the individual has a personal problem to the Captain about. This typically the Captain deems it to be a serious ypically notify the company, ZODIAC ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES, LONDON keeps Captain calls the company. Additionally, t they are not getting their desired they can call ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES p. That is recorded in their log as
completing his six month c plane tickets and knew he said that when he the MORNING CLOUD, they sa he was leaving to go home, Instead. he remained very at disappearance stayed alone a lot person. Despite that, the	would be getting relieved in New Orleans. talked to the crew upon his arrival on id that when got the message that he didn't seem very happy to go home. serious. The crew was really surprised . The crew also told that and that he was not a very social y re-emphasized that was a very had worked with him on prior voyages and

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Interviews aboard the MORNING CLOUD docked in LaPlace Louisiana, were conducted by Special Agent (SA) following the disappearance of the Also present during the interview was SA of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE.	
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has worked for ZODIAC for 17 years. He joined the MORNING CLOUD while it was in dry dock in Greece. He talked to the MORNING CLOUD's six or seven times. These conversations usually were about safety issues. was good about communicating with about his job, but they would never have any conversations regarding family.	
On May 23, 2008, was taking a shower and relaxing, when he heard the announcement that the Captain was missing and that all of the crew will muster and then search for him. searched on the outside decks. At one point he thought he saw something unusual in the water, but it ended up just being garbage bags. turned on a light and searched until midnight.	
says that after the ship yard (the dry dock), it seemed like the Captain was sick. He said the Captain was a good man and always emphasized safety to the crew. He did not ever pressany issues.	S
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has worked in the maritime industry for one year and has been aboard the MORNING CLOUD since January 30, 2008. He works 8 a.m5p.m.	
When joined the ship, the MORNING CLOUD's asked about his family. He would sometimes joke with on the bridge. After the ship left Greece, where they were in dry dock, the Captain changed a lot. He became very silent describes as a calm guy who does not interfere in matters.	b6 b70
last saw on May 22, 2008. The Captain was having a problem with the international phone in the computer room, and was there to fix it.	
On May 23, 2008, when the crew was assembled to locate the Captain, went to the Captain's cabin. The room was very neat. He saw glasses and cigarettes on his desk. After he left the room, somebody locked the door, but he cannot recall who. Afterwards, everybody went to the mess deck and then continued searching.	ъ6 ъ70
mentioned that the crew was unable to wash their clothes due to energy and water conservation, and that was able to wash clothes in his room, but he didn't use it. thinks that he was not using it in respect to the crew not being able to wash their clothes.	
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To: New Orleans Attn: Evidence Technician

From: New Orleans

Squad 6/Cyber
Contact: SA

Approved By:
Drafted By:

Case ID #: 45-NO-72860 (Pending)

Title: CRIME ON HIGH SEAS

Synopsis: To document the return of evidence.

Details: On June 4, 2008 at 10:35 A.M., Special Agent (SA)

returned the following 1B evidence items to

Special Investigations Unit, Romania.

1B1: Two boxes each containing two swabs of possible stain marked as evidence marker 1.

1B2: One swab - evidence marker 2.

1B3: Two swabs - evidence marker 3.

1B4: One swab - evidence marker 4.

The FD-597 receipt for the return of the items has been placed in a 1-A envelope and made a part of the file.

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MAT INAGUA, BS -Case Title: SAR - Person in Water - N MORNING CLOUD (LR) (PIW) //231738ZMAY08 Case Number: 404361 Activity Number: 3214629 Date/Time Subject(s) Entered By 231738ZMAY08 <no subject> Message Initial Notification - D7 recieved forwarded email from D5CC of a MAN OVER BOARD from M/V MORNING CLOUD (LR) in position 21-57.7n 073-51w (55NM N-NE OF GREAT INAGUA, BS) Date/Time Entered By Subject(s) 231848ZMAY08 <no subject> b6 Message -b7C sent vessel a inmarsat "c" to contact D7CC immediately.. From Date/Time Subject(s) Entered By 231848ZMAY08 USCGC TAMPA; MORNING CLOUD Message request conduct call-out via vhf - 2182 to establish comms and have them contact D7CC Date/Time Entered By Subject(s) 231851ZMAY08 <no subject> Message From CGC TAMPA: Reports completed engine repair and will becoming up to 15kts Date/Time Subject(s) Entered By 231854ZMAY08 <no subject> h6 Message b7C From OPBAT: AIRCLR 6029C will only have approx 5imn o/s ..D7CC advised them to have the 6029C rtb for fuel then prepare for poss PIW search. Date/Time Entered By Subject(s) 231859ZMAY08 <no subject> Message From CGC TAMPA: have diverted 2105 and will be o/s with M/V in approx 15min Date/Time Subject(s) Entered By USCGC TAMPA 2319022MAY08 Message From CGC: Nojoy via 2182. Will cont call-outs Date/Time Subject(s) Entered By 231904ZMAY08 USCGC TAMPA b6 Message b7C From CGC: reports both MDE's up and proceeding at 17.5kts Date/Time Entered By Subject(s) 231907ZMAY08 <no subject> Message To AIRCLR: briefed on case. Date/Time Entered By Subject(s) 231918ZMAY08 Zodiak Maritime Agencies, Message To ZMA: We received a message from the M/V Morning Cloud regarding a man overboard//Yes I am not in the operations department but I will have one of them contact you Subject(s) Entered By 232000ZMAY08 <no subject> **b**6 Message b7C From Capt _____ - zodiak - 44-7768-697-537: Reports its actually the CAPT of the vessel that was determined missing. He's a 46yom. Good health. weighs approx 90kilos. No alcohol or

Date/Time

pills(medication) was located in his stateroom. It's believed he(the Capt) wasnt wearing a life jacket. Will call back with additional information such as lat/long's and as well as HF.

Entered By

Date/Time Subject(s) 232032ZMAY08 <no subject> Message

To OPBAT/CGC TAMPA/CG6029/CG2105: All briefed on case specifics.

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Date/Time 232159ZMAY08	Subject(s) USCGC TAMPA Message To CGC TPA: SRP passed to CGC via SIPRCHAT	Entered By	
Date/Time 232202ZMAY08	Subject(s) <no subject=""> Message</no>	Entered By	ь6 ь7С
NPOC: New Orleans,	From Capt - zodiak - 44-7768-697-537: LFOC: Europe	•	<i>-</i> ·
Name:	Capt: Romanian		
The vessel has bee	n advised to search till sunset then rtn to original course bound for nect port of call		
Date/Time 232208ZMAY08	Subject(s) <no subject=""> Message</no>	Entered By	
	To F.B.I - SKIP HOGDERG: Briefed on case & advised if Co. believes wrong do investigate. Really dont have jurisdiction. But if requested the New Orleans		
Date/Time 240149ZMAY08	Subject(s) DR,; D, Message To d, dr: Briefed Admiral on case.	Entered Bv	
Date/Time 240451ZMAY08	Subject(s) USCGC TAMPA Message	Entered By	ь6 ь7с
	To TAMPA: Passed updated pattern (subsequent search adjusted to reflect the finistakenly passed to the aircraft the recommended track spacing (.4NM) as oppospacing (1NM).)		
Date/Time 2412302MAY08	Subject(s) USCGC TAMPA; AIR STA CLWTR Message Passed C130 pattern to AIRCLR and TAMPA	Entered By	
Date/Time 241333ZMAY08	Subject(s) <no subject=""> Message From USCG 09:34 IRT PIW IN BS LAUNCHED AIRCLR FOR 5 HOUR SORTIE. CASE PENDS</no>	Entered Bv	
Date/Time 242019ZMAY08	Subject(s) FBI (miami), Message	Entered By	□ b6
	Want to know when the ship is going to be in NOLA also want to know the number req you email the info to pr call at	of the ships owner	b7C b7E
Date/Time 242200ZMAY08	Subject(s) <no subject=""> Message</no>	Entered By	
	to CAMSLANT: do you still have the guard for the C130//neg they are search countries $\frac{1}{2}$	plete and they have	
Date/Time 242224ZMAY08	Subject(s) USCGC TAMPA; DR,; DRM, Message	Entered Ru	
	to DR/DRM req Actsus, c130 search complete Tampa is search complete//actsus grameets up with D8 Inspectors once the ship moores	canted make sure FBI	



From:

"M/V Morning Cloud" <MorningCloud.A8AW7@andrapido3.com> "00"AMVER - USA" <amvermsg@amver.org>

To:

Sent:

23 May 2008 17:20

Subject:

MOB

TO:AMVER USA

FROM:M/V "MORNING CLOUD" A8AW7

FROM POS. LAT 21 57.7N LONG 073 51,0W. WE HAVE MANOVERBOARD/MASTER OF THE VESSEL

ST= UTC+04 (13:20)



From:

"M/V Morning Cloud" < MorningCloud. A8AW7@andrapido3.com>

To:

"00 AMVER - USA" <amvermsg@amver.org>

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23 May 2008 19:39

Subject:

Re: MOB

TO: AMVER USA

FROM:M/V "MORNING CLOUD" A8AW7

SEARCHING AREA FOR MOB BETWEEN
0400UTC/23MAY LAT 22 31.1N LON 071 07.9W AND 1600UTC/23MAY LAT 21 57.7N LONG 073 51,0W.
COURSE LINE 258/078
BRGDS C/O

ST=UTC+04 (15:39)

From:

"M/V Morning Cloud" <MorningCloud:A8AW7@andrapido3.com> "00 AMVER - USA" <amvermsg@amver.org>

To:

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24 iviay 2008 01:28

Subject: MOB

TO:AMVER

FROM: MORNING CLOUD

0120UTC/24MAY LAT 22 15 N LON 072 24 W WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RETRIEVE CAPTAIN BUT NOW WE HAVE TO STOPED OUR SEARCHING AND CONTINUE ON PASSAGE. THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANTS

ST=UTC+04 3 2128 LT/23.05

From: M/V Morning Cloud" < MorningCloud A8AW7@andrapido3.com>

To: <operations@zodiac-maritime.com>

Sent: 24 May 2008 00:52

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FROM:MORNING CLOUD

DEAR SIR,

VSL'S PSN ON 0050UTC/24MAY LAT 22 15.2 N LON 072 24.3 W
STILL PRECEDING 078 IN SEARCHING THE CAPTAIN.
UNFORTUNATELY NO ANY TRACES OF THE CAPTAIN ON BOARD
AND OVER BOARD AROUND TO POINT WHERE LAST TIME CAPTAIN
SEEN ON BOARD ABT 65 NM. USCG STILL SEARCHING THIS AREA
SEARCH MASTERS ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF PROBLEM
CARRIED OUT AND FOUND NOTHING UNUSUAL OR UNEXPECTED. HIS CABIN
CLOSED ON LOCK. ALREADY BECAME DARK. ACORDING MSG#2642666
AND WHEREAS DARK TIME AND INEFFECTUAL EFFORTS IN SEARCHING
DUE TO THAT WE HAVE TO REVERSE COURSE AND HEAD TOWARDS DESTINATION.
SHALL INFORM AMYER AND/OR USCG ABT OUR INTENTION?

REGARDS C/OFF





From: Sent: Monday, May 26, 2008 7:13 AM To: operations@usgservices.com Subject: MORNING CLOUD	b6 b7C
Confirming our telephone conversation this morning, we represent Zodiac and its insurers in connection with the disappearance of the master from MORNING CLOUD. We have been asked to board the ship on arrival and otherwise to be available to assist as needed. My contact details are below. Please include me on updates about the ship's ETA and schedule. Please call me if I can be on any assistance. Thanks.	
PHELPS DUNBAR LLP Canal Place 365 Canal Street, Suite 2000 New Orleans, LA. 70130-6534 gary.hemphill@phelps.com Main (504) 566-1311 Direct Cel Fax (504) 568-9130	b6 b7С

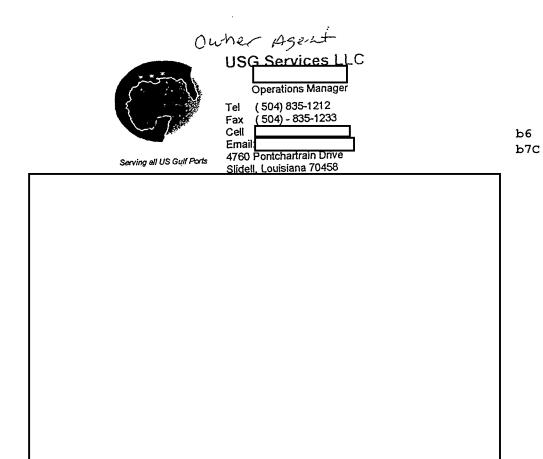






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	4		3rd OFFICER	UKRAINIAN			
	5		CHIEF ENGINEER	CROATIA			
	6		1st A/ENGINEER	RUSSIAN			
	7		2nd A/ENGINEER	TURKISH			
	8		3rd A/ENGINEER	UKRAINIAN			
	9		ELECT.ENGINEER	INDIAN			
	10		BOSUN	BULGARIAN			
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-	22		ENGINE TRAINEE	UKRAINIAN			
L	23		COOK	CROATIA			
L	24		STEWARD	BULGARIAN			
-	25		FITTER-I	TURKISH			
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12.Date and signature by Master, authorized agent or officer: 05/29/2008

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interviewed aboard the MORNING CLOUD. Also present during the interview was Special Agent of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:
Every morning at 6:45 a.m., Captain
meet on the bridge to discuss the day's activities. After the meeting is over, goes to the engine room to make sure everything is running properly. Throughout the day, he returns to the bridge two or three times to keep good communications with the bridge and to check his messages.
describes as a very quiet guy who usually keeps to himself and shows little emotion. He never talks about his personal life or family. is "all business and great regarding job communication." but he always seemed like he was under extreme pressure. was on the bridge when received the message that he was going home once the ship arrives in New Orleans. He was surprised that the Captain remained
emotionless, which is very unusual. Another unusual occurrence witnessed was that did not recently wash his clothes. Typically before captains go home, they wash all of their clothes to prepare themselves for the trip home.
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He's about to go home." and the Third Mate went to the Captain's room to search for him. The Third Mate was the first to enter the cabin. In the cabin, they found passport. They also saw the Captain's glasses on the desk. The Captain does not use his glasses when he is on the computer. The room was clean and everything was in place. Everything seemed normal. Nobody really thought it was foul play, they just thought the Captain was missing. ZODIAC LONDON was informed of the situation. returned to the Captain's cabin to search for documents and a master key. They could not find a master key.	ъ6 ъ7с
took control of the ship and the entire crew began to search the boat. He decided to turn the MORNING CLOUD around and begin on its reciprocal course. He assembled everybody on the deck to search the water. The search took place between noon and 3 a.m., at which time they turned back around and headed back on their original course for New Orleans does not recall seeing anything written on the wall in the Captain's cabin. When asked if he could translate "Auguri," responded, "Auguri Amiche, Cheers to Friends. It is usually for celebrations." Auguri means Cheers in Italian.	b6 b7C

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He has worked in the maritime industry for one year. He signed a six month contract to work on the MORNING CLOUD, joining the ship at the same time as the ship's previous Captain. He was aboard the MORNING CLOUD when disappeare	
works approximately 12 hours a day in the engi room. He sees the Captain typically only when he gets paid his salary. This occurs once per month.	.ne
does not know what happened to the Captain regarding his disappearance. He knows that was being relieved in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was surprised that the Captain seemed emotionless about his departure, because after six months of being at sea, most seaman are anxious about returning home.	Ξ
says that since the time that the MORNING CLOU was in dry dock in Greece, that seemed extremely stressed out. The last time saw was approximately three days prior to his disappearance. He saw sitting at his desk in his cabin's office as he walked by the Captain's cabin.	l
On the day of disappearance, recalls that he was just finishing his watch when he heard over the radio "If you've seen the Captain, come to the bridge." Soon after, cr member began searching the MORNING CLOUD searched in tengine room for for approximately one to two hours. The overall search for started around noon and although cannot recall the time it ended, he does remember it was dark out.	ew che
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	vas interviewed aboard the MORNING CLOUD. Also present during the interview was Special Agent of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. After being advised of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:
	met the MORNING CLOUD's 004 where they worked together aboard LUCKY TRANSPORT. as the on LUCKY TRANSPORT. They worked together on coard LUCKY TRANSPORT only two weeks because contract was ever two weeks after joined the ship, so they did not know each other well.
	talked with this month on the MORNING CLOUD bout three or four times because he was having issues with his bank. helped him with the bank paperwork. He also talked when he picked up his salary. He recalls having son.
	The last time saw was about ten hours before his disappearance. went to the bridge to call his amily. The Captain was on the bridge and asked him for his bermission to call home. The captain gave him a key to use the elephone. After finished his call, he came back to return he key to the Captain, but the Captain was no longer there.
	The crew knew was going to be getting off the hip in New Orleans. No members of the crew had a problem with the aptain, in fact, the crew did not see him too much. The Captain sually interacts primarily with the officers on board.
	describes as a gentleman. He says that the ry dock time in Europe was really hard for says hat this was first voyage as Captain. He doesn't know anyone on board that could have been involved in the isappearance.
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took charge. the Captain after noon to 1:15 p.m.	disappeared, was on the bridge. The teams to search for the Captain. The Chief Mate says that he did not go into the stateroom of the disappearance. He stayed on the bridge from He then went to the engine room to collect the boat around. After that, he returned to the

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	was interviewed aboard the MORNING CLOUD. Also present during the interview was Special Agent of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:
[has been working in the Maritime Industry for 36 years. He has been working for ZODIAC for 12 years joined the MORNING CLOUD at the same time as the MORNING CLOUD's Captain,
ļ	Every morning, goes to the bridge at 6:45 a.m. to meet with the ship's officers to plan the day. The Captain arrives on the bridge at 6:50 a.m. every day. The last time saw was on May 22, 2008 at the morning meeting.
	On May 23, 2008, the ship's chief officers met on the bridge, as they always do, but the Captain was not present. They waited until 7:20 a.m. for but he never showed up went to his cabin for tea. After lunch, around 12 p.m., there was an announcement that the Captain was missing and that is when the crew began to search.
	says that after being in dry dock in Greece, that lost a significant amount of weight. He thinks perhaps the Captain had a medical issue such as Cancer because of this dramatic weight loss.
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On May 30, 2008 at approximately 2:30 p.m., contact was made with Captain employed by Zodiac Maritime Agencies (ZMA), of 13th Floor, SEA Container House, 20, Upper Ground, London, England, telephone number +44-207-333-2330, while onboard the Morning Cloud cargo ship which was anchored in the Mississippi River near La Place, Louisiana.			Date of transcription 06/06/2008
Morning Cloud crew members and the agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Coast Guard. also provided copies of ship documents to Special Agent These documents, which included the Beaufort Notation Tables and the daily course headings, sea conditions and security reports for the dates of May 22 - May 24, 2008, and blueprints of the bridge will be maintained in the 1A section of the file.	made with Captain (ZMA), of 13th Floor, S London, England, teleph the Morning Cloud cargo River near La Place, Lo and arrived on the Morn from the	employed by 2 EA Container House, one number +44-207-2 ship which was ancluisiana. ing Cloud after the	2:30 p.m., contact was Zodiac Maritime Agencies 20, Upper Ground, 333-2330, while onboard hored in the Mississippi for ZMA disappearance of Master
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On May 30, 2008, following the boarding Morning Cloud that was anchored in the Mississipp LaPlace, Louisiana, Special Agent (SA) with for Admiral telephone number Admiral Security boarded the ship on May 29, 2008 and secured the Master stateroom and adjoining of guard was posted outside the door to the Captain	Secur Offic crew	er near made contact ity, ers had members and A security
At approximately 3:14 p.m. on May 30, 2 turned over the keys to state of the Evic (ERT) at approximately 3:30 p.m. in order for the crime scene investigation inside states	dence ERT	SA Response Team
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of Phelps Dunbar law firm, 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone number was contacted onboard the Morning Cloud cargo ship while the ship was anchored in the Mississippi River near La Place, Louisiana. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:						
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The Investigation on 5/30/2008 at La Place, Louisiana Raritime vessel entered Southwest Pass in the Mississippi River. and his law firm, Phelps Dunbar, represent Zodiac Maritime Agencies (ZMA), Ltd., 13th Floor, Sea Containers House, 20, Upper Ground, London, England, telephone number +44-207-333-222. ZMA manages the vessel for the owner, High Seas Navigation (No.2) Inc., 80 Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia. provided a packet titled, "Investigation Materials" that he compiled from his investigation while on the Morning Cloud. Various ship documents including the vessel specifications, crew list and nautical coordinates were compiled in the packet. Also included in the packet was a signed statement by all crew members signifying they cannot provide any information to the whereabouts of missing Master The Investigation Materials packet will be maintained in the 1A section of the file.	ship v Louisi agent	was contacte was anchored iana. After and the nate	ed onboard the in the Missis being advised are of the int	Louisiana, t Morning Clossippi River of the iden	telephone nur oud cargo sh: near La Plac ntity of the	mber ip while the ce, interviewing
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On June 3, 2006, Special Agent received from of Phelps Dunbar law firm, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2000, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone number a copy of the Liberian Articles of Agreement (LAA). The LAA pertains to the investigation of the disappearance of Master onboard the Liberian flagged Morning Cloud cargo ship while the vessel was sailing near the Bahamas en route to New Orleans.	
The LAA is a signed document by all the Morning Cloud crew members signifying they are in agreement with the Republic of Liberia Bureau of Maritime Affairs rules and regulations. The LAA also contains each crew member's personal and employment information.	

The LAA will be maintained in the 1A section of the file.

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To: New Orleans

From: New Orleans

Squad 3

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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Title: DISAPPEARANCE OF MASTER

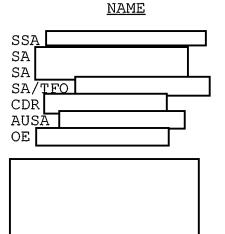
FROM THE MORNING CLOUD CARGO SHIP

5/23/2008

CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - MISSING PERSON

Synopsis: To document meeting at the New Orleans FBI office.

Details: At approximately 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 2008, a meeting was held at the New Orleans office of the FBI regarding the captioned matter. The following individuals were present during the meeting:



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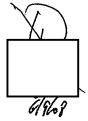
U.S. Attorney's Office U.S. Customs and Border

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was contacted aboard the MV Morning Cloud, at which time he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that the contact concerned the disappearance of Captain at sea around May 22, 2008. He thereafter advised as follows:	b6 b70
He has been employed by the Zodiac Maritime Agency for approximately two years and he started out as a mess boy for about eight months and is currently in his first contract as an Ordinary Seaman. He came on board this ship around December 2, 2007 in Slovenia and Captain came around that time also. Captain was already on the ship which had two Captains until got off in Italy later.	
stated he normally only saw the Captain twice daily usually once in the morning and once in the afternoon. This occurred when he would go on the bridge to give the soundings to the Chief Officer. He would exchange general pleasantries with the Captain and he occasionally would speak to him in the mess hall.	b6 b70
He never saw the Captain have any arguments or fights with any of the crew and he felt he was a good man to work for.	
He stated that the ship was in dry dock in Greece for approximately fifteen days and he did not think the Captain ever went ashore and he appeared to have been losing weight. He said the Captain smoked cigarettes frequently all over the ship but he never saw him drink.	
He recalled the Captains Office as very neat the only time he went inside it.	
last saw the Captain around 1800 hours and he was typing messages on the computer on the bridge. He was on the bridge again at 0700 hours the next day, May 23, 2008, and the Captain was not there. Around 1130 hours, he learned that the Captain was missing and the entire crew was ordered by radio to stop lunch and come to a certain area. Everyone was broken down into search teams and began to search the entire ship and there was	ь6 ь70
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no sign of the Captain or any in to him.	dication of what may have happened
	of the crew would have harmed or n. He could offer no explanation o him.
was aware tha off the ship when ir arrived in	t the Captain was due to be getting Louisiana.

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He was born on currently resides at he has been issued	and he and he He has a
2007, in Slovania and this was his first was another Captain therefore there were two Captains until Cleft which he believes was in Italy sever Captains were on board together. Captain	nd June 29, 2005 and he is worked as an ordinary jinning in March of 2007. Ind he boarded the MV october 1, 2007. He is a deck cadet until he was in February, 2008, and in He was promoted by around December 10, time as a Captain. There already on board and captain and captain while both
advised that as the The charge of all life saving equipment on be extinguishers. He also prepares document when the ship is arriving at a port and he on the ship's bridge. He stated that he the ship telephone as can other members of the meals on board are breakfast at 1200 - 1230 and dinner at 1800 - 1830 on the deck from 0800 - 1600. Thereafter times rests from 1600 - 2000 and his nor	ts for the Captain such as the also maintains a watch can send e-mail or talk on of the crew. St at 0730 - 0800 , lunch hours. He normally works the works some and some
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from 2000 - 2400. He stated that the Captain usually meets with the Chief Officer and the Bosun and sometimes with the Chief Engineer daily around 0700 on the bridge and the Captain normally has coffee and cigarettes there. Each day around noon, the Captain or the Second Officer would send messages regarding the ships present location, the weather, the diesel and oil consumption, etc.

He stated the Captain ate lunch alone sometimes and would often eat dinner late by himself. He described the Captain as a good guy who was easy to work for and described him as good natured and also stated that he never had any arguments or confrontations with any of the crew. He also knew that the Captain had a son who also worked for Zodiac Maritime Agency but he never spoke much about his family.

last saw Captain <u>around 20</u> 00 hours on
May 22, 2008, when he came on the bridge as started his
watch. Around 2120 -2150 hours the Captain departed the bridge and
told to call him in his cabin when the Second Officer
relieved him for watch on the bridge at 2400 hours. He called the
Captain at that time and informed him of the shift change and
recalled the Captain sounded as if he had been sleeping. He then
went to the officer mess area and had a snack and then went to
sleep. The Second Officer, had the watch from 0000
- 0400 hours and was replaced by the Chief Officer who had watch
from 0400 - 0800 hours.

He recalled that he came to the bridge around 1120 hours and at 1130 hours he called the Captains cabin twice as nobody had seen or heard from him that morning and there was no answer each time. Around 1145 hours the Second Officer told him to go to the Captains cabin which he did. The door was closed but not locked which is normally the case. He walked in the cabin and looked around and did not see the Captain or anything out of the ordinary and he went back and informed the Second officer. He also saw the ship steward who told him that the Captain did not eat breakfast that morning and he had not seen him and reported this to the Second Officer. A short while later, he and the steward and the Chief Engineer entered the room again to look for the Captain.

was asked about the word that was written on the wall in the Captains office area and stated he thought it had been there since possibly December. He said the former Captain of the ship had wrote it there and he did not know what it meant.

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Thereafter, he used some spare keys to search other cabins for any sign of the Captain.

stated that the Captain had lost some weight since he first boarded the ship and recently he seemed tired and possibly stressed as this was his first time as Captain. He said that the Captain's job is a difficult one and he seemed nervous about it. He normally would only see the Captain on deck a few times and this would only be for short periods or as they passed each other.

He said the Captains area was nice and neat when he entered his cabin and he recalled seeing his reading glasses and his cigarettes and lighter on the desk. He said the Captain would not always have his reading glasses around his neck when he came to the mess hall or to the bridge and the Captain had sent him to his cabin several times to retrieve them for him. He did say the captain would normally have his cigarettes with him.

reiterated that he had never known the Captain to have any fights or arguments with any of the crew and the only explanation he could provide for his disappearance was that the Captain could have jumped over.

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was contacted
aboard the Ship, MV Morning Cloud, at which time he was advised of
the identities of the interviewing Agents and that the contact
concerned the disappearance of Captain at sea around
May 23, 2008. He thereafter advised as follows:

He was hired by the Zodiac Maritime Agency for his job as a steward and he is currently on his third contract with them. The first contract was for seven months, the second one he only worked twenty days of the contract and then the third one which he was presently working under. He started his third contract on December 10, 2007, aboard the MV Morning Cloud and his steward duties include helping serve three daily meals to the officers and cleaning the officers cabins. He stated that the ship was last in port around April 8, 2008 where it was dry docked in Greece for repairs for one or two days and then went to Ukraine for one day to pick up a load of ore and around May 1, 2008 departed to Laplace, Louisiana.

He stated breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. He normally wakes up at 5:00 a.m. and goes to sleep around 10:00 p.m. He cleans the following cabins on a daily basis: Captain's, Chief Officer's, Chief Engineer's and the First Engineer's, all of which are located on the Upper deck. He usually starts cleaning the Captains first around 9:00 a.m. after breakfast. He always sweeps, mops, empties the garbage and ash tray and washes any glasses left out. He also changes the bed sheets approximately once a week and removes them and makes the bed with fresh sheets. He advised the Captain always made his bed up and the only time he made it up was when he replaced the bed sheets after he had removed the old ones. It normally takes him about fifteen to twenty minutes to clean each room.

He recalled last cleaning the Captain's room on the morning of May 22, 2008 and he last saw the Captain around 9:00 p.m. on the night of the 22nd on the bridge. After breakfast on the 23rd, he went to clean the Captain's room around 9:00 a.m. as usual and the Captain's door was closed. He said the door has always been open and he did not try to open it to see if it was

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unlocked as he thought the Captain was inside. He believes he told the Chief Officer about the door who told him the Captain must be sleeping inside.
advised that some of the other Officers on the ship go to the Captains office for briefings but he himself is usually the only other crew person to go into his cabin.
He has never had a problem with the Captain and has never been aware of any argument or problem between the Captain and any other crew mate. He believes the Captain drinks a beer or two but he was not aware of him ever drinking hard liquor or using any type of drugs. He has seen the safe in the Captain's office when he was cleaning but he does not know what is in it and has never seen it opened.
Around lunchtime on May 23, he and the Third Officer went to the room to see if the Captain was inside. The Third Officer had previously called his room and when he received no answer he and went to the cabin and when the Captain did not answer, the Third Officer opened the door and went inside and the Captain was not there.
He was asked about the word, "auguri" written in white on the Captain's desk. He said that word had been there since around New Years Day and he believes it may have been written by the previous Captain. He did not know what it meant. He believes Captain came on the ship around December 10, 2007, and there were two ship captains for a couple of weeks.
He was asked about a discolored red stain which was on the floor in the bathroom and stated he does not ever remember seeing it or anything that may have been blood on the floor. He stated the Captain smoked everywhere on the ship including his room and not just outside on the deck. He also said that the Captain would wear reading glasses around his neck but he would leave them in his office sometimes. He also would usually leave a glass he had used on the table. looked at some color photographs of the Captain's room and stated it looked as he always remembered it and nothing looked out of place or out of the ordinary.
He was asked what he thought may have happened to Captain

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 45-NO-72860	New Orleans, Louisiana June 5, 2008
DISAPPEARANCE OF MAS FROM THE MORNING C MAY 23, CRIME ON THE HIGH SEA	LOUD CARGO SHIP 2008
Morning Cloud, a 753-foot Liberian disappeared while the Morning Cloud Cloud was sailing several miles of route to New Orleans from the Ukra Master of Romanian newsing. Approximately 12 hours of Romanian newsing.	Id was at sea. The Morning of the coast of the Bahamas en aine with a load of ore when ationality was first reported elapsed from the time Master of determined he was missing.
The crew members of the search of the entire ship for Mast course and searched for several horesults. The United States Coast the Morning Cloud who conducted a air and sea but were also unable to	ours at sea but with no positive Guard (USCG) was contacted by search for Master by
On May 30, 2008, the Mor Orleans and anchored upriver near approximately 2:00 p.m., Special A of the Federal Bureau of Investiga Officer of Enforcement with the Un Protection boarded the Morning Cla into the disappearance of Master investigation team aboard the Morn Armstrong Marine Consulting who wa government.	Agents of the New Orleans office ation (FBI) and the USCG and an aited States Customs and Border and to conduct an investigation Also accompanying the aing Cloud was the President of
by the agents and the new Master to Cloud after Master was con	nfirmed missing was also whers were fluent with the members were limited with their ish. While the interviews were see Response Team (ERT) conducted

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and adjoining office. It should be noted that upon the FBI boarding the Morning Cloud, agents were met by Admiral Security officers who had boarded the ship the previous day along with the USCG to secure the crew and Master USCG to secure the crew and Master stateroom. Also onboard the Morning Cloud was a port Captain for Zodiac Maritime Agencies (ZMA) and an attorney from a New Orleans law firm which was representing ZMA, the managing agent for the Morning Cloud. The results of all the crew member interviews gave no indication that a crime occurred on the Morning Cloud that resulted in the disappearance of Master No crew member observed anyone harming Master or heard of any crew member harming him. Information obtained from the crew member interviews included but is not limited to the following: no member of the crew was angry with Master dand everyone got along with him; Master was mostly a private person and didn't socialize very much with the crew; this was Master first voyage as Master; he was meticulous and wanted things done right and often would complete a task on his own; he did not talk often of his family; after dry-docking in Greece, the crew noticed a change in Master | behavior - he became stressed, lost weight and did not look healthy; he complained to some that he didn't sleep well; when he received news that he was going home to Romania for a vacation once he arrived in New Orleans, he showed no emotion or signs of happiness that other crew members said is contradictory to the emotions normally exhibited by a crew member who has been out to sea for several months and is told he can go home on vacation. There was no indication from the interviews that Master had any enemies onboard the Morning Cloud or that any crew member would do Master any harm. None of the crew members implicated any other crew member with Master disappearance. Crew members also stated that it was hard for them to believe that Master ____ would commit suicide. was not a doctor onboard the Morning Cloud and it was unknown if Master was ill. The results of the ERT crime scene investigation of stateroom and office showed no signs that a violent crime occurred in the stateroom. Investigation and testing of possible bloodstains on the floor in the bathroom resulted in negative results for blood. The stateroom and office were neat and did not exhibit signs that a struggle or violent assault occurred to Master The word "Auguri" that was written in foam on one wall of the office was determined through crew member interviews that the word had been written on the wall

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several months ago by the previous Master or his wife around the

Christmas holidays. It is believed the meaning of the word means "Cheers" or "Best Wishes." No notes, journals or writings by __were located which would have helped explain the reason behind his disappearance. The office safe was opened with a key which was located in the office by the FBI. The safe was opened by the FBI in the presence of the ZMA Captain and attorney and the present Master of the Morning Cloud. An unknown amount of currency was present inside the safe. Also inside the safe was various narcotics and drugs that are controlled by the Morning Cloud Master and used for sick and injured crew members. It appeared to Morning Cloud/ZMA personnel that the contents of the safe were undisturbed and nothing was missing. The contents of the safe were turned over to the port Captain and present Master of the Morning Cloud. In conclusion, the FBI investigation into the disappearance of Master of the M/V Morning Cloud cargo ship has determined that there is no indication that a crime occurred or a violent act was committed against Master Crew member interviews and crime scene processing gave no

or that a crime occurred on the ship. It appeared, with the concurrence of Morning Cloud/ZMA personnel that the contents of

crime occurred on the Morning Cloud and no statements made by the

the safe in the Master's stateroom were accounted for and undisturbed. In summation, no physical evidence indicated a

was harmed by another crew member

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the result of a criminal act.

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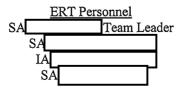
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION



Crime Scene Investigation Report
Regarding the Disappearance of
Master from the
Motor Vessel Morning Cloud
Conducted on May 30, 2008



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On Friday, May 30, 2008 at approximately 2:33 p.m. (Central Standard Time), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New Orleans Division, Evidence Response Team (ERT) members boarded the Motor Vessel (M/V) MORNING CLOUD (freighter) for the purpose of conducting a crime scene investigation related to the disappearance of of the M/V MORNING CLOUD. was a Romanian National. The M/V MORNING CLOUD is a Liberian flagged vessel which was located at approximately mile marker 135 on the Mississippi River, near Laplace, Louisiana. The FBI was provided marine transportation to the M/V MORNING CLOUD with the assistance of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The FBI was granted authority to board the vessel by as well as written permission from the Liberian HIGH SEAS NAVIGATION (No. 2) INC. Once on board, Master later provided the latitude and longitude coordinates respectively, as 030 degrees 03.2 minutes North, 090 degrees 29.6 minutes North. LLP, located in New Orleans, Louisiana was also present, representing the interest of ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES LTD., the ship's management company. With ARMSTRONG MARINE CONSULTING, represented the Liberian government, and was transported to the M/V MORNING CLOUD with FBI personnel. FBI ERT had been advised that Romanian officials were seeking forensic assistance for a potential crime scene involving the disappearance of Master The following four (4) FBI ERT personnel boarded the M/V MORNING CLOUD:
Special Agent (SA) - ERT Senior Team Leader SA - photo logger SA - photography INTELLIGENCE ANALYST (IA) - sketch/diagram
The potential crime scene had been reported to the FBI as possibly having occurred in quarters (see attached schematic of the M/V MORNING CLOUD's upper bridge deck). The Master's (Captain's) quarters consisted of three (3) main areas: galley/pantry area, day room also referred to as the office/living area, and a bedroom area with an attached bathroom.
The Master's quarters, upon arrival, were secured by of ADMIRAL SECURITY. Supervisor
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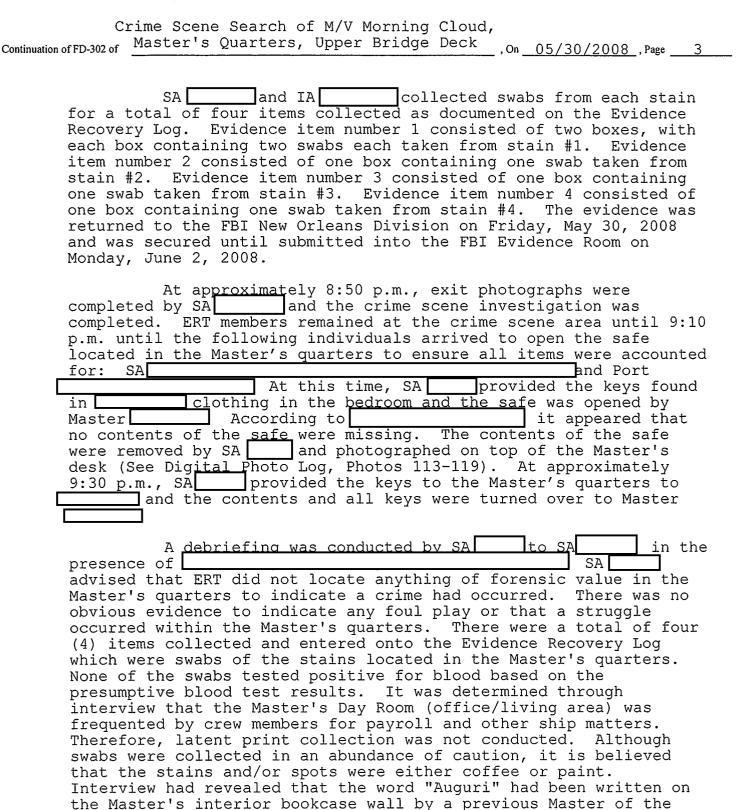
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Crime Scene Search of M/V Morning Cloud, Continuation of FD-302 of Master's Quarters, Upper Bridge Deck ,On 05/30/2008,Page 2
provided FBI SA with a key to the Master's quarters at approximately 3:14 p.m. At approximately, 3:29 p.m., SA provided the keys to SA in order for ERT to begin their crime scene investigation. SA donned a tyvek suit. booties and gloves before entering the crime scene. FBI SA also donned the same protective gear and assisted SA with the preliminary survey. represented the Liberian government, and was asked to accompany SAs with the preliminary survey based on his extensive maritime experience.
The preliminary survey for evidence as conducted by SA indicated a reddish brown stain on the floor upon entry into the Master's quarters as well as some small reddish brown droplets on the floor area near the toilet in the bathroom as previously identified as potential evidence by the USCG. Also noted was the word/letters "AUGURI" written on the interior back wall of the bookcase in a white, foamy looking substance. There was no other apparent, immediately visible evidence in the Master's quarters. After the preliminary survey was completed, SA left the crime scene area.
The remaining ERT members, SA SA and IA donned protective gear and entered the Master's quarters. Entry photographs of the Master's quarters were completed by SA After the completion of the entry photographs, ERT members began searching for evidence. There was a brownish stain located at the entryway of the Master's quarters in the office/living area (See Digital Photo Log, Photos 32-35, identified by evidence marker #1). Stain #1 may have been a coffee stain. Two different types of presumptive blood tests were conducted. Both presumptive tests yielded negative results. There were also three stains, located on the floor of the bathroom near the toilet (see Digital Photo Log, Photos 77, stains identified by evidence markers #2, 3, and 4). It appeared that the stains or droplets identified by evidence markers 2 and 3 may have been paint droplets. The stain marked by evidence marker 4 (reddish-pink in color, see Digital Photo Log, Photos 82-83) appeared to be a chemical stain and did not resemble the color or characteristics related to blood. Again, two different types of presumptive blood tests were conducted and both met with negative results for the presence of blood. In an abundance of caution, swabs of the stains were collected, preserving any potential DNA evidence.

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ship sometime during the Christmas holiday. The FBI departed from the $\mbox{M/V}$ MORNING CLOUD at approximately 10:54 p.m.

On Monday, June 2, 2008, SA removed the media card
from the Nikon D2X camera containing the digital images captured
during the search on Friday, May 30, 2008. SA then
attempted to burn the photographs to a DVD-R disk using a stand
alone CD/DVD burning device. On two separate occasions, the device
malfunctioned and the photographs failed to burn to the DVD-R disk.
As a result, a laptop computer with a DVD writer was used to burn
the images from the media card to a DVD-R. The images appeared to
have burned properly, but the disk ejected improperly from the
computer. SA made a written notation on the disk as such
and labeled the disc as "1rst Original". SAthen burned a
second DVD-R containing the images. The second DVD-R burned
properly and ejected properly. The disc was labeled as "2nd
original". Both of the disks were placed in the same 1-A (FD-340)
envelope and sealed with red evidence tape.

Attached to this report are the following:

- 1) FBI ERT Personnel List (1 page)
- 2) Initial Information (1 page)
- 3) Administrative Worksheet (4 pages)
- 4) Diagram/sketch (4 pages, hand drawn with measurements),
- 5) General Arrangement for Upper Bridge Deck and overall schematic of M/V MORNING CLOUD (4 pages)
- 6) Evidence Recovery Log (1 page)
- 7) Crime Scene Register for those personnel that entered the Master's quarters (1 page)
- 8) Digital Photos with photo log (30 pages)

Also made part of this report are the two original aforementioned DVD-R disks of the digital images recorded which are contained in an envelope sealed with red evidence tape.

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FBI EVIDENCE RESPONSE TEAM

PERSONNEL LIST

Personnel	Agency	Responsibility
	FBI	Team Leader
	FBI	Searcher/Finder
	FBI	Photographer
	FBI	Sketcher

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INITIAL INFORMATION

DATE OF ARRIVAL 05/30/2008

TIME OF ARRIVAL 2:33 p.m. CST

CASE IDENTIFIER **45-NO-72860**

TEAM LEADER

LOCATION

General anchorage approximately mile marker 135, Mississippi River Laplace, Louisiana USA 70068

GPS COORDINATES

LATITUDE

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DATE OF ARRIVAL	05/30/2008	TIME OF ARRIVAL	2:33 p.m. CS	CAS	E IDENTIFIER	45-NO	-72860
LOCATION General ancho	orage approximately mile marker opi River	Laplace, Louisiana	USA 70068	LAT	030 degrees 03.2N	LONG	090 degrees 29.6N
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Lighting Conditions Interior				ns Sunny/Clear			
General Description of Scene	table with con there was a p stainless stee	nputer, printer and ha antry/galley which ho I cabinets which were	ard drive; a safe wa bused a washing n e all in the open po	in's day room with a seati as housed underneath the achine which contained u osition. There was also a l and a bedroom and a bathr	computer table; nwashed clothes and bookcase which had		
Control of Scene Obtained Fro	m Admiral Sec	curity		Date of Control Acquisition	05/30/2008	1	
Person in Charge of Scene at	Time of Arrival	Admiral Security Supervisor Lenward H	ebert; Darryl Hill & Kelly Prire	Time of Control Acquisition	3:17 p.m.		
Person(s) Present at Scene at Time of Arrival Status of Person at Scene							
		F	Phelps Dunbar LLP (attorney for				
		F	Port Captain				
Unidentified crew member	(s)	S	Signed FBI in and issued FBI badges				
The Captain's quarters had previously been searched by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) at an earlier date upon report of the disappearance of Maste The quarters were locked and armed security guards were placed around the clock to ensure the quarters remained secure. A cursory review of the room upon entry did not indicate any obvious items out of order. However, immediately upon entry through the door there was a brownish stain noted on the tile floor. The seating area, including the chairs and sofas in front of the Captain's desk were clear except for a large white envelope on the table. The desk appeared tidy with cigarettes, lighter, and glasses laying on the desk as well as paperwork. Under a table behind the desk, there was a safe identified behind a cabinet door. The safe appeared to be in a locked position. There was a bookshelf which contained manuals and had the letters "Auguri" written on the interior backwall. The bedroom appeared normal with the bedsheets pulled up, but not made. The bathroom contained a toilet, sink, bathtub/shower. Unidentified stains in the bathroom had been previously noted by the USCG as possible evidentiary areas. However, the stains appeared to be small paint droplets and did not have any of the typical color or characteristics of blood or spatter.					d and armed security review of the room entry through the door and sofas in front of appeared tidy with behind the desk, there on. There was a ackwall. The bedroom a toilet, sink,		

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APMINISTRATIVE WORKSHEET



DATE OF ARRIVAL 05/30/2008	TIME OF ARRIVAL	2:33 p.m. CST	CASE IDENTIFIER	45-NO-72860
LOCATION General anchorage approximately mile marker 135, Mississippi River	Laplace, Louisiana	USA 70068	LAT 030 degrees 03.2N	LONG 090 degrees 29.6N
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	Prior briefings with the United States Coast Guard personnel via telephone indicated that there may potentially be blood evidence in the bathroom. Upon initial observation it was determined that none of the stains in the bathroom were blood. This was confirmed by presumptive tests which yielded negative results for blood.	
Special Situations, Conditions, and/or Specialists Used (Notes/Observations)	It was determined through interview that the Captain's Day Room (office/living area) was frequented by crew members for payroll and other related matters. Therefore, latent print collection was not conducted. Interview also revealed that the letters "Auguri" written in a white material on the wall of the Captain's bookcase had been there since the previous Captain, who was on board during the Christmas holiday. In the event safe keys were not located, it was requested that a company be contacted for entry into the safe to determine if the ship's money was still in the safe. The keys were later found in the Master's clothing and the safe was opened in the presence of	
Crime Scene Conference (Notes/Observations)	As the presumptive blood tests taken from the stains in the Master's bathroom and the large stain identified upon entry into the Captain's Day Room were negative for blood, swabs were still collected and placed into evidence out of an abundance of caution. No fingerprint evidence was attempted as it was determined that crew members were allowed into the Captain's quarters for pay and other matters. Interview also revealed that the letters "Auguri" written in a white material on the wall of the Captain's bookcase had been there since the previous Captain who was on board during the Christmas holiday. Therefore, a sampling of the substance was not collected as it did not appear related to the disappearance of Master The entire quarters were searched for any evidentiary item, forensic or otherwise, related to the disappearance of Master The search yielded negative results.	ъ6 ъ70

ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHEET



DATE OF ARRIVAL 0	05/30/2008	TIME OF ARRIVAL	2:33 p.m. CS	TCASE	DENTIFIER	45-NO	-72860
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Date	Time	Pertinent Description/Information					
05/30/2008	9:00 a.m.	All FBI and ERT members meet at United States Coast Guard, Sector New Orleans, Bucktown, Louisiana for briefing					
05/30/2008	1:00 p.m.	All FBI and ERT members meet at Port South LA Globalplex Terminal for briefing and to plan embarkation/debarkation					
05/30/2008	2:00 p.m.	All FBI ERT supplies and equipment are on hand at dock on MS river for transport by PSV Responder to M/V Morning Cloud					
05/30/2008	2:16 p.m.	ERT memberdeparts on first transport boat to M/V Morning Cloud					
05/30/2008	2:18 p.m.	ERT members depart on 2nd transport boat to M/V Morning Cloud					
05/30/2008	2:33 p.m.	ERT members arrive at M/V Morning Cloud					
05/30/2008	2:38 p.m.	Board vessel M/V Morning Cloud					
05/30/2008	2:50 p.m.	attorney provides a brief overview and bound booklet entitled "Investigation Materials" with 6 numerical tabs to FBI					
05/30/2008	3:14 p.m.	FBI SAbtains key to Master's quarters from Admiral Security Supervisor					
05/30/2008	3:29 p.m.	SA provides Master's key to ERT member Preliminary survey conducted by present.					
05/30/2008	3:44 p.m.	End preliminary survey					
05/30/2008	3:45 p.m.	Entry photos begin					
05/30/2008	3:57 p.m.	Photos end					
05/30/2008	3:58 p.m.	Sketch begins					
05/30/2008	4:05 p.m.	Presumptive testing of various reddish brown stains in Captain's Day Room and Captain's Bathroom conducted					
05/30/2008	4:21 p.m.	Search begins					

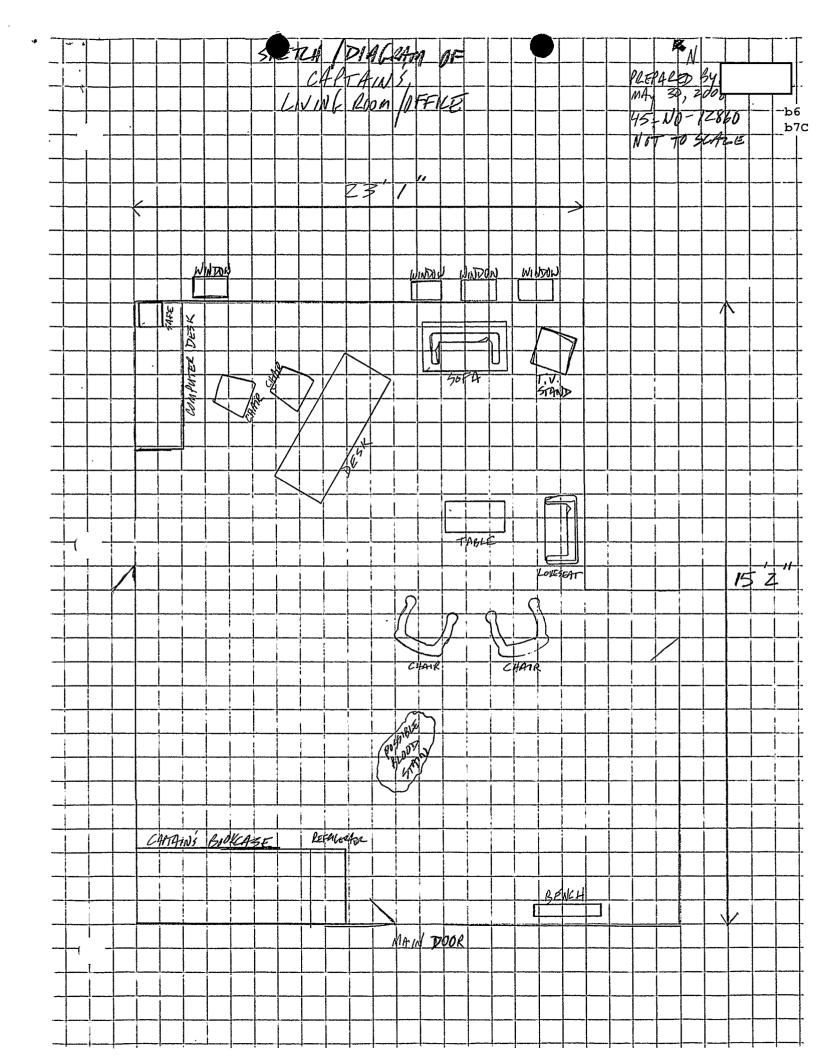
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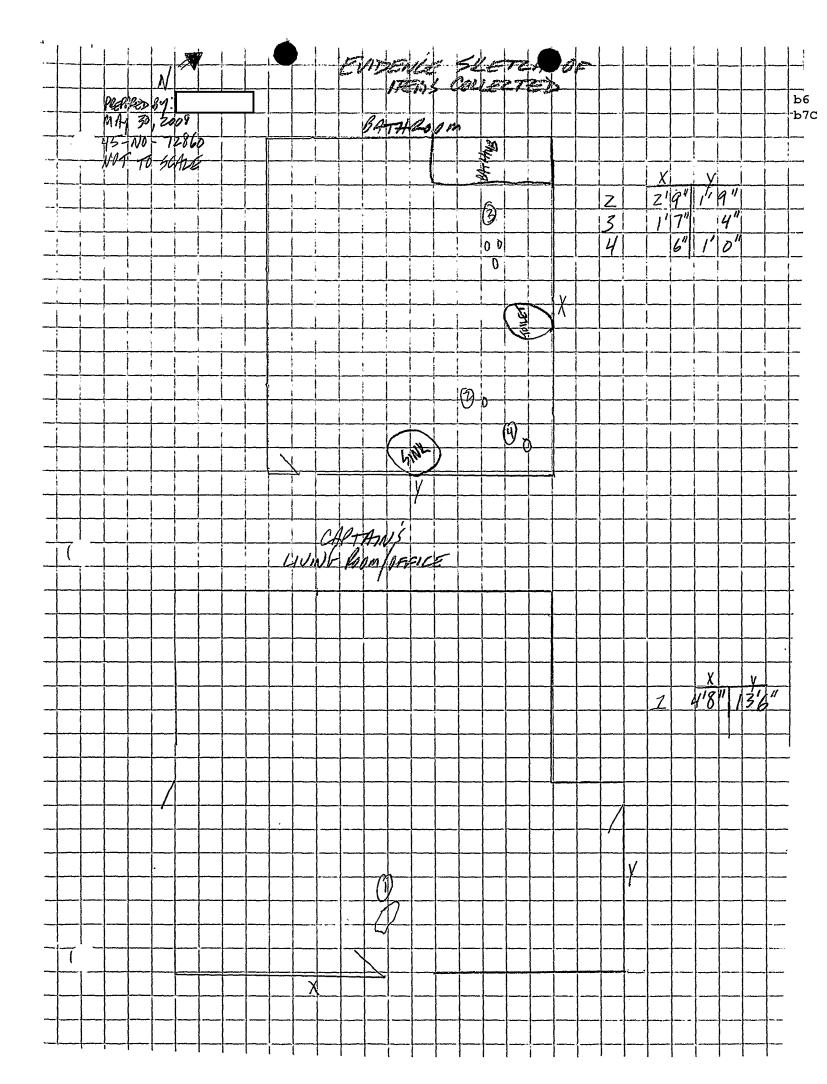
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05/30/2008	8:35 p.m.	Begin exit photos				
05/30/2008	8:45 p.m.	Exit photos completed				
05/30/2008	8:50 p.m.	Final survey completed, awaiting	safe opening with	Master(s) and		
05/30/2008	9:10 p.m.		nd ERT members		open safe and review	w contents
05/30/2008	9:21 p.m.	Thumb drive and hard drive are reviewed by		for personal documer	nts belonging to Mas	ter
05/30/2008	9:30 p.m.	Safe is secured by Master	and the room ke	ey is provided to		
05/30/2008	9:54 p.m.	briefs all agents, await relea	ase call from SIOC	>		
05/30/2008	10:54 p.m.	Disembark M/V Morning Cloud				
05/30/2008	11:20 p.m.	Arrive at dock in Laplace, LA				



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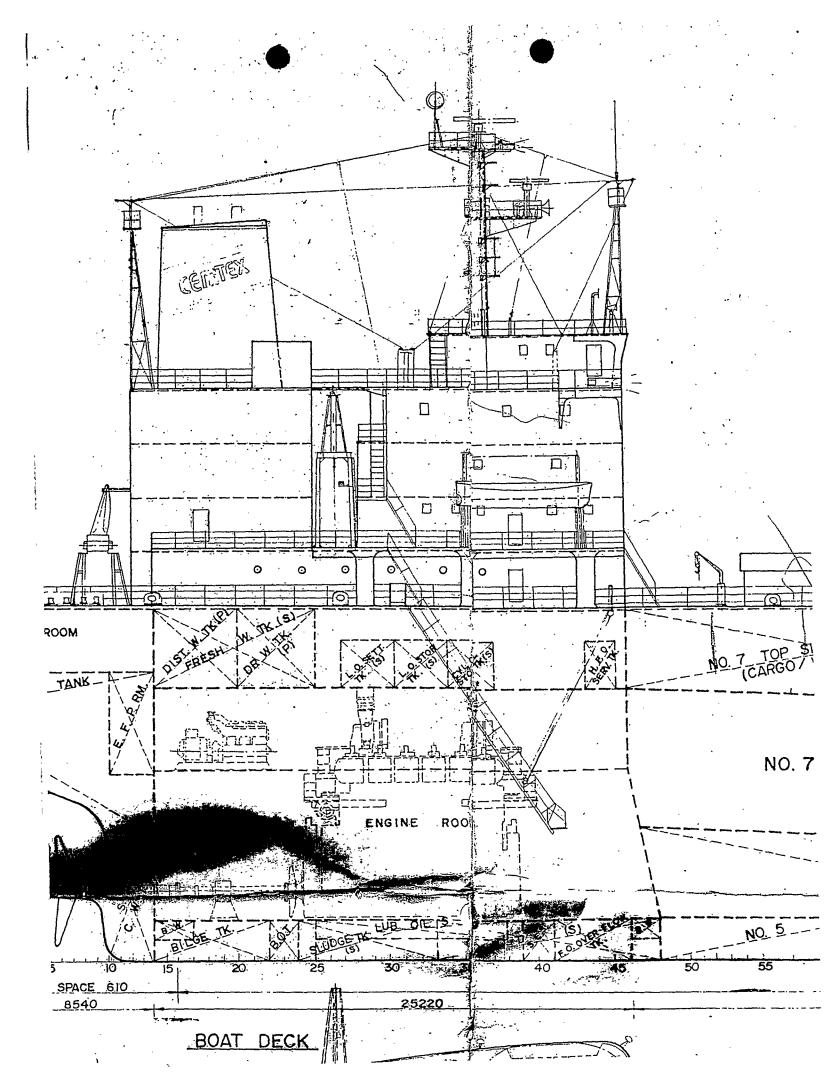
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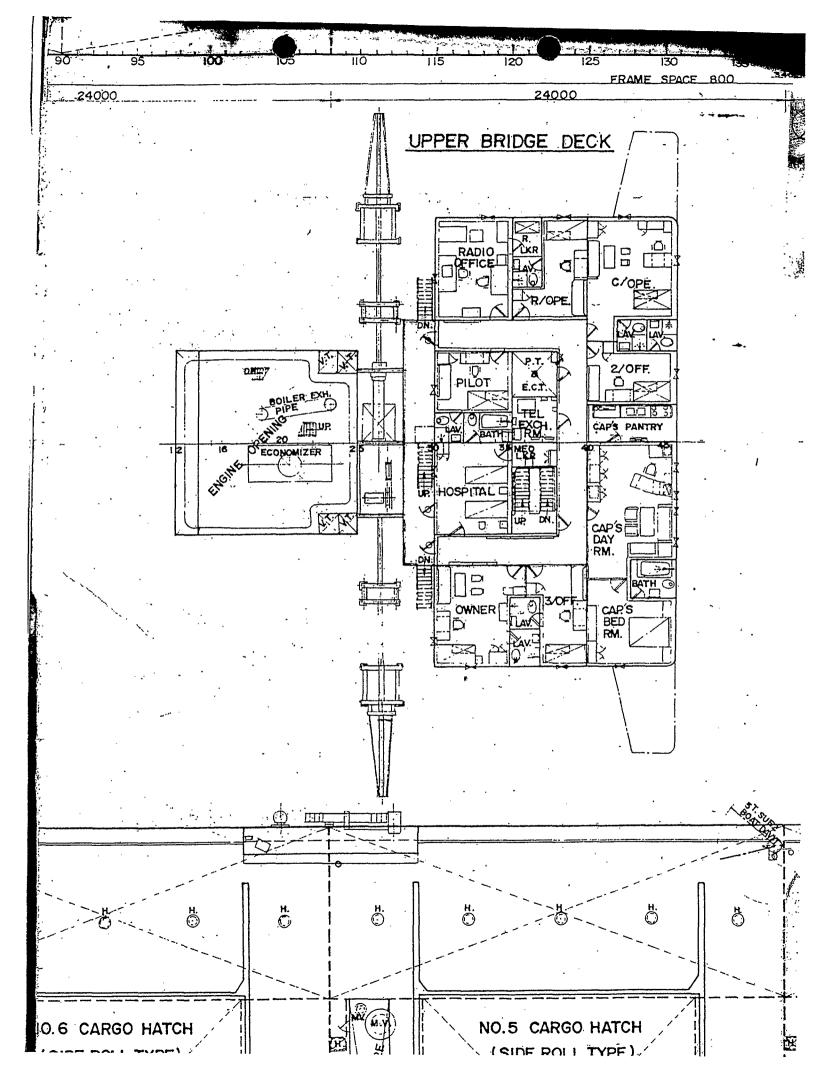
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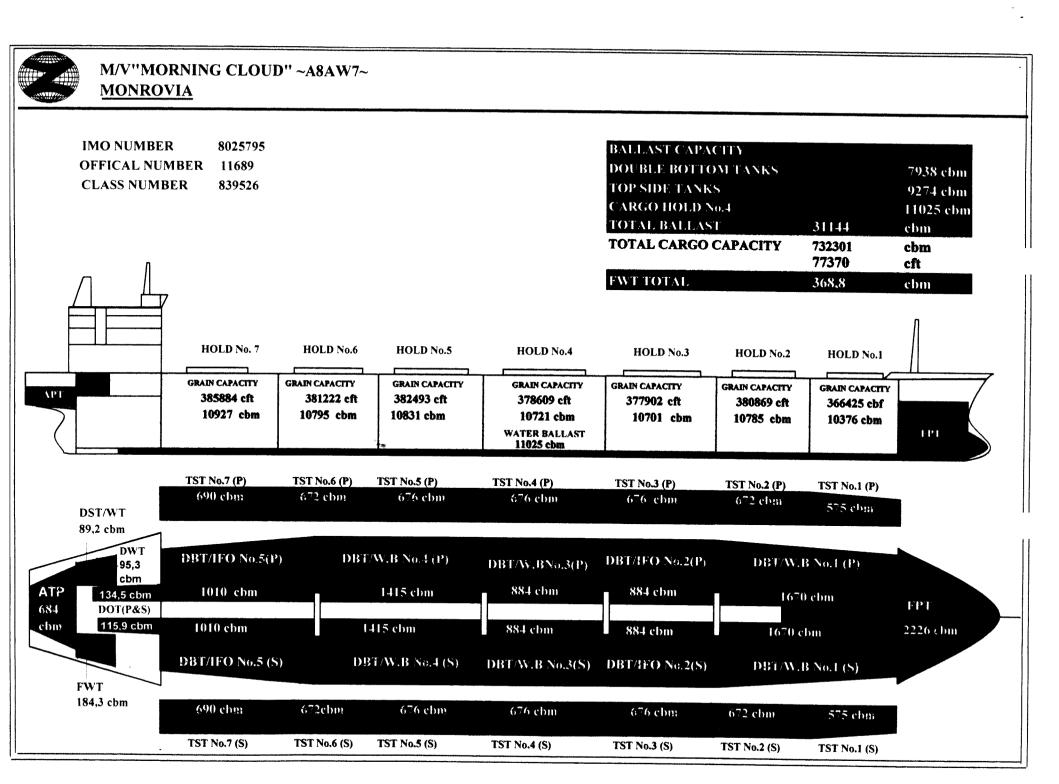
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ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	WHERE FOUND	RECOVERED BY / OBSERVED BY	PACKAGING METHOD	COMMENTS (if needed)	
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2	One swab, stain #2 (evidence marker)	Bathroom floor by toilet		Box		
3	Two swabs, stain #3 (evidence marker)	Bathroom floor by toilet		Box		
4	One swab, stain #4 (evidence marker)	Bathroom floor near toilet		Box		

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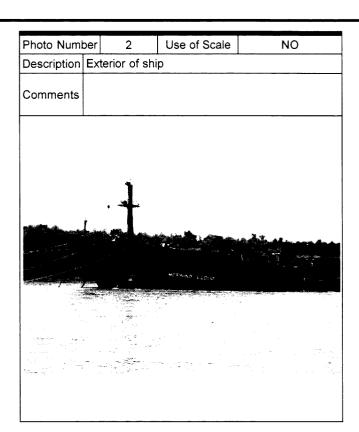
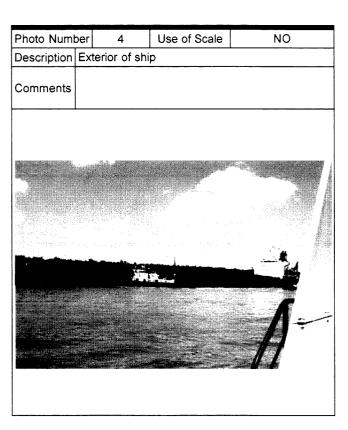


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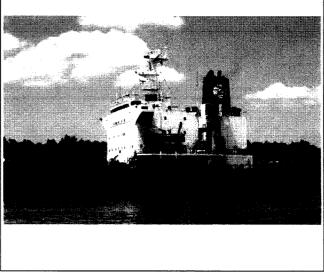
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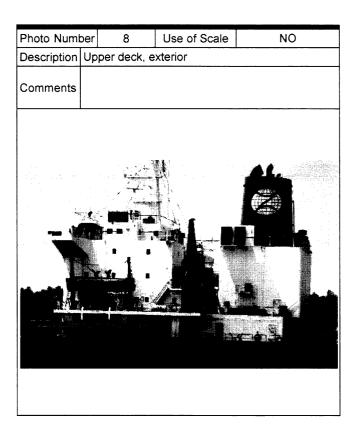
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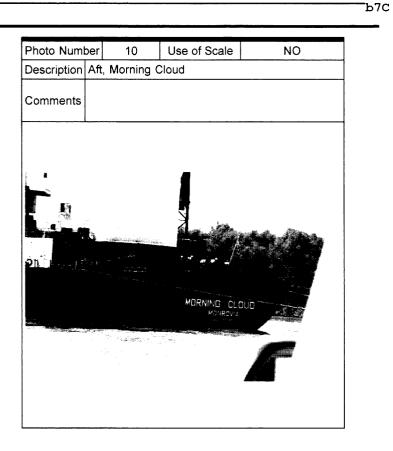


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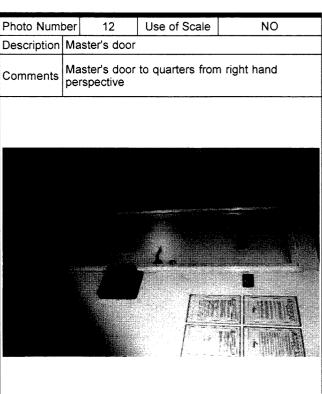




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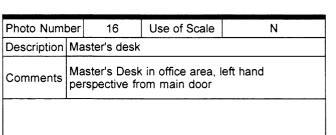
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Comments	Interior of Master's galley, right hand view				

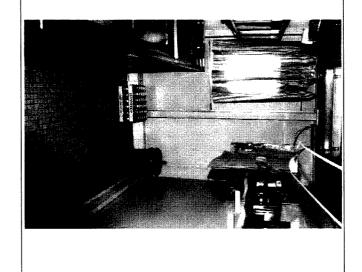


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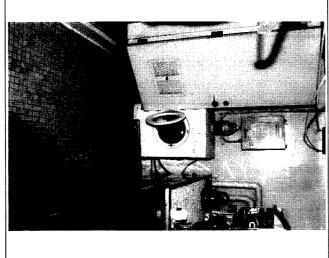


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Comments	Bo qu rig	Bookcase is on same wall as main entry door to quarters, in I/h view of photo, galley is to the right				





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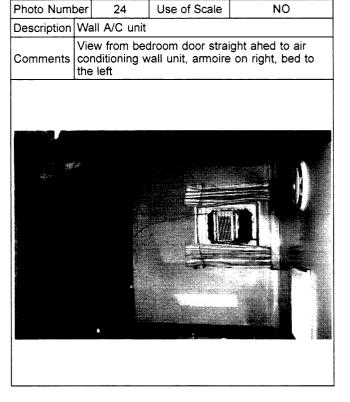
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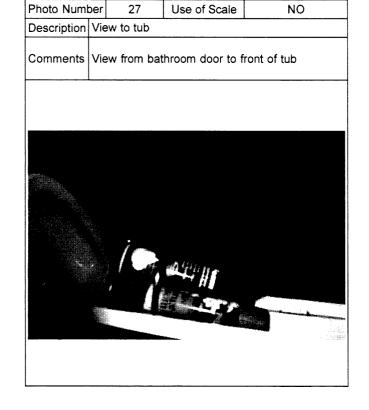
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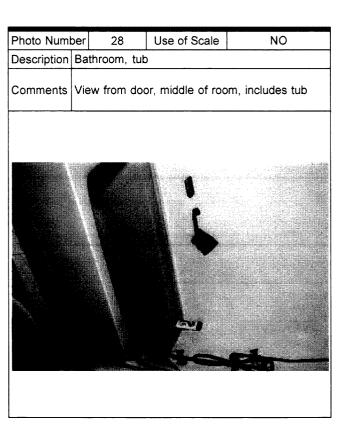
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Comments	Left hand view of bathroom, includes rear of tub and partial bucket in view				

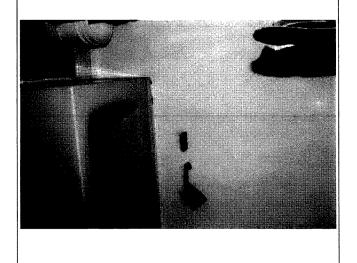


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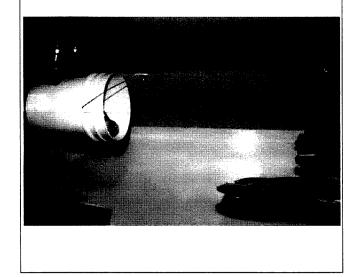


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Comments	R/H view to toilet with partial sink in foreground					

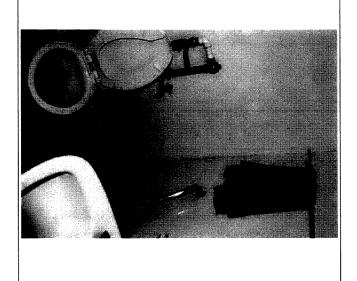


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Description Stain on floor							
	Reddish brown stain on floor upon entry into						
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